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Mr. Garrison, Dear Sir,

Enclosed, I send you a copy printed, of a short article I have just written, which I felt desirous of giving to some half a dozen papers at first, as near as possible, whose editors are not fettered with a clerical anti-reform influence, as nearly all are through the land.

The article, it seems to me, suggests a new thought, or so, or in a new shape, and while it aims to lay the axe at the root of clerical domination, and hypocritical gentleness of every kind, now covering the land, it struck me, that in reality it differs not essentially from your own opinions, and others with you. Though I have quoted from the scriptures more than is your practice, it is not because I consider them any otherwise than yourself, for I now approve your view thereon, but, ^{as I hit it} because, the article was intended to come before some, who specially yet call for scripture.

proof, while at the same time, it will naturally be understood by those who make a proper use of common sense, that I have no reliance on the commonly received 'inspiration' and infallibility of the Bible.

Should you publish the article, and should it draw forth, or call for any further discussion, I would thank you to send ^{me} a copy of your paper containing what may be said thereon, to my residence, 146 West 20th St. New York, so ^{that} I may see ^{it} early, though sometimes absent as now, on an extensive health excursion.

Respectfully, your sincere friend
Henry Jones



